

**2012 - 2013 JAMES S. RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT  
GRADES 10 - 12**

Attention all students of James S. Rickards High School. As an extension of our philosophy of continuous learning, the summer of 2012 continues the tradition and the promise of intriguing reading activities. Every student is responsible for the reading and associated activity as outlined below.

Students are to select **one** independent reading novel from the works listed for their assigned English class and complete a Major Works Data Sheet (MWDS). The MWDS is a tool students will use to gather details and record personal insight about the book they will choose to read. Students will also find a guide for completing the MWDS, and a rubric for grading the MWDS. Upon their return to school, students will be directed to complete a "Summer Reading Choice Board" that will serve as an assessment of their reading. All MWDS documents and this list will be accessible via the James S. Rickards High School Summer Assignment Website. The Summer Reading Choice Board assignment will not be posted as it will be completed when students return in August.

Whatever book you select to read will be directly related to the content of your English class, so it is important to put forth your best effort. It will pay off once the school year begins and rigorous work is assigned. At James S. Rickards High School, we use the Springboard curriculum which is designed to help students to be college ready or post-secondary ready. This means we encourage all students to pursue education beyond the completion of high school, with a goal of having all students prepared to be successful.

Questions regarding the 2012-2013 JSRHS Summer Reading Assignment may be directed to your child's current English teacher, to Mrs. Ivy Watkins [watkinsi@leonschools.net](mailto:watkinsi@leonschools.net) (English Department Chair), or to Mr. Patrick Wright [wrightp@leonschools.net](mailto:wrightp@leonschools.net) (Asst. Principal, Curriculum).

**Enjoy your summer break!!**

Sincerely,

JSRHS English Department

### **Rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders---English 2/English 2 Honors**

*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi (graphic novel)  
*Funny in Farsi* by Firoozeh Dumas (memoir)  
*Chicana Falsa* by Michelle Serros  
*How to Be a Chicana Role Model* by Michelle Serros  
*Brighton Beach Memoirs* by Neil Simon (a drama)  
*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt (memoir)  
*The Freedom Writers Diary* by Erin Gruwell (memoir)  
*Always Running* by Luiz Rodriguez (memoir)  
*Yello-Oh Girls!* by Vickie Nam  
*The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan (novel)

### **Rising 11<sup>th</sup> graders---English 3 (Contact person---Mrs. Ivy Watkins**

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Any work that deals with the American Dream

Examples are listed below. Your choices are not limited to this list. Please contact the person(s) indicated if you would like to get approval to read a book not listed below.

1. [BABBIT](#) BY SINCLAIR LEWIS
2. [NICKEL AND DIMED: ON \(NOT\) GETTING BY IN AMERICA](#) BY BARBARA EHRENREICH
3. [THE RIGHT STUFF](#) BY TOM WOLFE
4. [REVOLUTIONARY ROAD](#) BY RICHARD YATES
5. [THE GRAPES OF WRATH](#) BY JOHN STEINBECK
6. ANY BOOK BY HORATIO ALGER
7. [A RAISIN IN THE SUN](#) BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY
8. [DEATH OF A SALESMAN](#) BY ARTHUR MILLER
9. [THE GREAT GATSBY](#) BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD
10. [THE AUDACITY OF HOPE: THOUGHTS ON RECLAIMING THE AMERICAN DREAM](#) BY BARACK OBAMA
11. [THE DAY OF THE LOCUST](#) BY NATHANIEL WEST
12. *THE HOUSE OF MIRTH* BY EDITH WHARTON
13. *THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN* BY MARK TWAIN

### **Rising 12<sup>th</sup> graders---English 4**

*The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan  
*The Stranger* by Albert Camus  
*Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert A. Heinlein  
Any book by Barbara Kingsolver and Jamaica Kincaid